



**ANGLICAN PARISH
OF
ST MARK'S DROMANA**
LIVING FOR JESUS;
LOVING LIKE JESUS;
LEADING TO JESUS

READINGS FOR TODAY

Reading: Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20
Psalm: 19
2nd Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

4 OCTOBER 2026

PENTECOST 19

REFLECTION

In Philippians 4, Paul writes of his credentials as the very well-bred, pure-blooded Hebrew man of the tribe of Benjamin who has studied the law and the prophets and was a Pharisee. His credits include things which are impressive to the reader, but not now to him. Paul understands that all his zeal and his hard work and the letters of authority he carried are nothing compared with knowing Jesus Christ. He writes of the surpassing value of this knowledge of Jesus as Lord, and the deep way in which this is not just a head knowledge but something of the depth of his being which has responded to Jesus and now lives only for him. It's not enough just to know of Jesus, but to really know him and therefore to be aware that there is nothing more precious to have than Jesus Christ. Even so, Paul understands that this is not something he could earn like he could pass his examinations in school. It's a gift from the Lord himself who has taken the things Paul once saw as valuable and brought him to understand that they could not give him what he sought. Only faith in Jesus could bring Paul a right standing before God which was untouchable by the corruption in his own humanity. The righteousness of God is accessed by faith and given by God through the grace he has poured out on us through Jesus. It's not our own, it's his righteousness, God's righteousness which we can't ever grasp ourselves no matter how 'good' we are. Paul with all his credentials could never be good enough to be as good as God. Neither can we. Yet God gifts that righteousness to us when we come to him by faith in Jesus. Paul is overwhelmed by the enormity of the gift and only wants to be as close to Jesus as he can be. He wants the resurrection and the life found only in Jesus. He wants the prize of being one who truly knows the Lord and belongs to and with him in eternal life. I want to press on towards that goal too. Let it be my prayer always, Lord Jesus, to truly walk in the heavenly call you have for me, to be always reaching for that deep place where I find true life in you. Can I get an 'amen'?

Janice

THIS WEEK : 4 - 11 OCTOBER

- TODAY:** Daylight Saving Time commenced at 2am today
All clocks forward one hour
- Bp Paul Barker is joining us at both morning services
Holy Communion, 8.45am
Family Holy Communion, 10.30am
Healing Service, 6.00pm
- TUESDAY:** **Funeral of Ann Marie Spagnolo**, 1.00pm
Zoom Bible Study, 7.00pm
Contact: Graeme (0490 664 843)
- WEDNESDAY:** **Holy Communion**, 10.00am
Op Shop Open, 10.00am - 3.00pm
Bible Study, St Mark's, 11.00am
Contact: Janice
Cuppa, Craft & Chat Group, St Mark's, 12.30pm
Contact: Robyn (0409 425 044)
Synod, 7.00pm
- THURSDAY:** **Women's Bible Study Group**, St Mark's, 9.30am
Contact: Carol (0411 405 597)
Op Shop Open, 10.00am - 3.00pm
Men's Bible Study, Mark's Place, 11.00am
Contact: Kevin (0438 234 457)
Synod, 7.00pm
- FRIDAY:** **Janice's Day Off**
Op Shop Open, 10.00am - 3.00pm
Synod, 7.00pm
- SATURDAY:** **Synod**, 9.30am - 5.00pm
Op Shop Open, 10.00am - 2.00pm
- SUNDAY:** **Holy Communion**, 8.45am
Family Service, 10.30am

PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

Monitored contact points: 0494 654 685
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Parish Web Address: www.stmarksdromana.org.au
Facebook page: stmarksdromana
For Parishioners Only Janice's contact number: 0401 717 435
Please call please contact Jan Glass 0421 047 513 or Keith Thomas 0413 319 327
if you need to contact Janice on her day off (Friday)

NOTICES

Thanks for all the prayers and support shown to me while I have been recovering from Surgery this past week, and to all my family on the death of my mother, especially for the care shown to us at my mother's funeral. I am blessed to be among you, and I praise God for his blessings to me. Janice

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Last chance for anyone who would like to fill a box can do so after each of the services on Sunday. Alternatively, you can see Anne with \$25 (or whatever you are able to contribute) and a box will be filled on your behalf.

Morning Peninsula Shire Council (MPSC) has issued a Planning Permit for the building of our new hall – PRAISE GOD.

The Endorsed Plans are posted to our building information notice board in the Narthex.

This now ushers in a wide range of activities from

- *drawing up detailed set of drawings*
- *approval of these by the Diocesan Building Committee, and*
- *submission to MPSC for a building permit.*

CALLING ALL ORGANISERS AND RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE

AT ST MARK'S:

*KeithT is compiling this year's Annual Report for the next Parish Council meeting in October. **He needs to have your ANNUAL REPORTS before 16th October.***

Please send PDF versions to him at keith.thomas@stmarksdromana.org.au



ANNA'S VISIT TO ST MARK'S



Our CMS link Missionary, Anna, is visiting St Mark's on the weekend of Saturday 31st October and Sunday 1st November.

Please plan to join Anna for an African Lunch on Saturday from 12.30pm. We will eat African food and hear from Anna about her work with Creation Care with A Rocha in Kenya. It is essential for catering purposes that you let us know you are coming. The food will be as far as possible gluten free but will contain garlic and onion. If this is a problem please come and bring your own lunch and share dessert and chai tea and hear of Anna's adventures. There is no charge for lunch.

There will be an opportunity to contribute financially towards Anna's work.

Contact Carol 0411 405596 or Steve 0437 984679 or sign sheet in the Narthex.

CMS SUMMER CONFERENCE

7th & 8th January at Crossway Baptist Church

Early bird tickets are now available online <https://my.cms.org.au/>

Speak with Steve P. for more details.

Building Appeal Donations are not Tax Deductible

Account Name – St Mark's Anglican Church Dromana

BSB – 703 122 Account Number – 05010814

Set up an online Direct Debit for your weekly/monthly offering

St Mark's banking details: 633-000 140772872

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS

In our country and the world:

- ❖ For the people of Israel and Iran and Middle East countries.
- ❖ For the victims and those who are mourning after the Bondi terrorist attack.
- ❖ For the Government plans to address the rise of antisemitism in Australia.
- ❖ For families suffering as a result of violence and home invasions.
- ❖ For all facing homelessness, hardship, anguish & despair amid rising costs.
- ❖ For all in Israel, Gaza, and Ukraine and Myanmar.
- ❖ For those affected by natural disasters around the world.
- ❖ For King Charles III, the UK and the Commonwealth.
- ❖ For peace and unity in countries around the World.
- ❖ For aid agencies like Save the Children, Oxfam, CARE, UNICEF, World Vision.

In our community:

- ❖ For teachers and students.
- ❖ For doctors, nurses, paramedics, Coast Guard, the CFA & SES.
- ❖ For local community outreach groups such as the Dromana Community House and "Food for All".

In our Diocese and beyond:

- ❖ For Right Reverend Dr Richard (Ric) Thorpe as Archbishop of Melbourne.
- ❖ For Archbishop Geoffrey Smith's ministry as Primate of Australia.
- ❖ For the ministry of Bishop Paul Barker in the Jumbunna Region and Archdeacon Rev'd Sam Bleby, in the Frankston Archdeanery.
- ❖ In our Deanery, we pray for the parish of St John's Flinders with St Mark's Balnarring, their Vicar Rev'd Keiron Jones and Deacon Rev'd Christine Barren.
- ❖ Keiron, Vicar of Flinders/Balnarring.
- ❖ For the work of the Church Missionary Society and Wei-Han the Victorian Director.
- ❖ For Anna Radkovic our CMS Link Missionary in Watamu, Kenya.
- ❖ For Christian churches around the world to be free to worship and be witnesses of the love of God shown through the coming of His Son.

In our Parish:

- ❖ For our leadership and ministry teams.
- ❖ For our Vicar Rev'd Janice O'Gorman.
- ❖ For the finances of our Parish.
- ❖ For the success of our building permit application.
- ❖ For our Parish, its people and those we reach out to every week.
- ❖ For the success of the new Beachside Youth program.
- ❖ For those preparing for baptism.
- ❖ For the 9am at home prayer time for the Parish, Dromana, & Mornington Peninsula.
- ❖ For all members of the Parish Council.
- ❖ That the Good News of Jesus will be known in Dromana.
- ❖ For Family of Ann Marie Spagnolo, William, Kevin, Anne, Doris B, Ellen, Ted & Monica, Lorna, Louise, Jen, TJ and family, Karen, Mary, Jan K, David, Belinda, Robyn, Phillip, Nikki, Jason, Rhiannon, Richard, Pat, Keith S, Harry, Mike, Chloe, Jessica, Audrey, Backy, Fred, Robert.

Please send items for Pew Sheet to Maggie Dodu by Wednesday:
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